

AN INSOLATED SISTER.

BROTHER HARRISON:—

IPARA, March 20th, 1894.

Having moved to Ipara, you may change our address from Astoria to Ipara Ill. It does my soul good to learn through the EVANGELIST of the good that is done all over the Brotherhood. May the good work go on. I often think if I only lived, where I could attend our own church and Sunday school how much I could be benefited by it, and how I would like to go hand in hand with the Brothers and Sisters in helping along the cause of our Blessed Master. I am the only one at, or near Ipara belonging to the Progressive, or Brethren Church, but I hope that I may always be found faithful, and that I may never look back but keep pressing onward and upward until I may gain that glorious crown that He has prepared for those who love and serve Him; Pray for me that I may be ever faithful, and that I may be the means of bringing some dear soul to Christ.

MRS. E. A. SNOWDEN.

TWO BAPTIZED.

Akron, Ind., Mar. 26, 1894

The Brethren church at Newhighland, Ind., is still progressing slowly but we think sure. We held our quarterly meeting, March 24th. In the absence of Brother Hopkins Brother S. S. Hoffman was selected chairman, pro tem. Meeting was opened by singing and reading of a chapter followed by prayer. We decided to have our church book revised and chose Brother Hopkins to do the work as he makes his pastoral visits. We will also have our communion in April of which a notice will be given elsewhere. Brother Hopkins preached for us Saturday eve and Sunday morning, March 24th and 25. After morning service we went to the water where the ordinance of baptism was administered to two young sisters. At three o'clock in the afternoon we returned to the church for confirmation services. May the Lord bless the work.

Sarah C. Stephey.

FROM THE MEXICO BAND.

MEXICO, IND., March 27, 1894.

We have not so much news and what we have not so pleasant, but we will have to take the bitter with the sweet. We feel greatly the loss of Bro. and Sister Edwards and their two sons. They were two faithful workers. They moved on their farm in Missouri. But we have the assurance that their spirits and prayers will be with us. And we hope to hear from them often by letter for encouragement. And so can say God bless them in their new home. You know when the head of the house is away the children will play and so it has been with us. But our pastor is with us again and now we will have to go to work. And great was the rejoicing of the family on his return.

Surely no joy is equal to that of a band of Christian workers when each is striving in his way to do a small part of the great work before them. Blessed indeed be the tie that binds such a band. Let us all be so interested in the great work that we have no time to think of the small trials of life.

Mrs. L. B. Skinner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AT ANKNEYTOWN.

ANKNEYTOWN, O., Mar. 18, 1894.

Bro. J. Calvert was called to Bryant, O., to conduct the funeral services of Bro. George Kiser on the 4th. His appointments at this place were filled by H. M. Oberholtzer and the writer.

The church met at 10 o'clock today to organize a Sunday school. Officers, supt., J. C. Beal; as't supt., C. A. Beal; sec'y., Cora Leedy; as't sec'y., J. R. Beal; treasurer, W. H. Leedy; librarian, J. R. Beal; chorister, C. A. Beal; as't. chorister, F. L. Garber; organist, Maud Leedy; as't organist, Emma Leedy; unanimously agreed to use the Brethren literature; it has come to stay.

Bro. J. Calvert preached an interesting sermon on the subject of diligence, from Jude iii, and at 7:30 he used the great question propounded by the Master teacher Matt. xvi, 26 Scientists have never attempted to solve this problem.

ISAAC LEEDY.

PURE LOVE IN CHILDREN.

FLORA, IND., Mar. 27, 1894

Meeting every two weeks. Brother B. N. Flora as minister. Social meeting every Sabbath. Social held similar to Endeavor meetings. An interest can be kept up in the church and more especially the children can be used and they are anxious to take part in church work. We have made a stride towards getting the children in the church, and if there is shown a burning love for Christ and the church, we have it in the children. Brethren don't let your churches stand idle. You can hold social meetings, organize Bible classes, do something. Talk Christ and the Brethren church at home, on the highway, on the street. There is no compromise in the New Testament, (all Legislative laws, notwithstanding.)

J. M. LITTLE.

BROTHER CRISAMORE EXPLAINS.

EVEREST, KANS.

How I became isolated was, because big I and little you prevailed in the church till '82, and to a great extent yet. We had a church here of thirty-five or forty members until the split, and then they began to leave and kept on until I am left alone. I am the only one of both sides of the old members left. Now what caused this? was it the spirit of Christ? or of self? did any brother

who was offended go to his brother and try to reconcile the matter? or has there ever any one tried to have reconciliation made? or have they ever had a meeting to try to get together? if the right spirit prevailed there would not be the division which there is now.

A. CRISAMORE.

LISTIE, PA.

March 24th, 1894.

Closed our first year's work as pastor of the Listie church. Brother N. E. Mostollar was ordained to the office of deacon, by prayer and the laying on of hands. Our Sunday school at Listie was organized for the coming term by the election of the following officers: Henry Yinkey, Superintendent; N. E. Mostollar, Assistant; Sadie E. Hunter, Clerk; Ephraim Slagle, Treasurer; Lulu Heiple, Organist. With these brethren and sisters at the head of our Sunday school, we may hope to have a good successful school. Sunday school will commence, Sunday April 1st, The Brethren's own literature will be used. Our second pastoral year commences April 1st, and our spring love feast will be held on Sunday evening, April 22nd. All are invited.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND, Pastor.

BROTHER ENSLOW IN UNIONVILLE.

MYSTIC, IOWA.

A few thoughts for the readers of the EVANGELIST from one who does not hear the word spoken very often but who hears some soul filling words from our paper. I could not do without it if it cost as much again.

I have been waiting to hear from some brother or sister at Unionville but it seems that each one is waiting for the other to tell how they like our new preacher, Brother Enslow. For my part I think he is the right man in the right place. It does seem to me sometimes as though I am almost forsaken. We live so far from the Brethren church. I would like so much for my children to attend the Brethren Sabbath school; so when you pray please remember me and my household.

Pray for me when it goes well with you.

Your sister in Christ.

Mrs M. A. Huston.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

NEEDMORE, O., March 26, '94

BROTHER EDITOR.—We held our quarterly business meeting on the 24th as per notice. Every thing went off peaceably and we were much encouraged with the presence of a good congregation. Business done—Bro. N. M. Palmer elected as pastor for one year; I. Inbody, secretary for one year; Brother Aug. Palmer, treasurer for one year; Brother A. Inbody, trustee for three years; Broth-

er A. Weldy, class leader for one year. We also organized class and prayer meeting each alternate Sunday after Sunday school. Church in splendid order for work. Praise the Lord. Yours in love.

I. INBODY.

TWENTY-TWO ACCESSIONS

GRAVELTON, IND.

Brother John Stuckman, held a revival meeting at this place this winter. Received for his labors twenty-two souls. Of this number, three were received by fellowship, the rest by baptism. Meeting closed with a good interest. Our quarterly communion will be held at this place the first Saturday in April, all are invited to attend.

WM. DRAKE.

MANSFIELD MEETING.

North Liberty, Ohio, Mar. 27, 1894.

I closed my meeting in Mansfield Ohio, Friday night, March 23, with ten applicants for baptism, and a very great stir. I go there again April 11. Please publish the appointment in EVANGELIST. I baptized one at North Liberty, Sunday March 25, and there are more applicants.

JESSE CALVERT.

Are Farmers Prospering?

The Manchester (N. H.) Union is trying to make farmers believe they are making money. It cites the testimony of an Iowa farmer before a committee of the senate of his state. "Not less than 95 per cent of our farmers make a success of farming," said the Iowan.

In the first place, it was probable that the Iowa farmer was shooting far over the mark. With wheat lower than it ever has been before, with live stock at the lowest possible notch, it cannot be true that 95 per cent of the farmers of America are making money. If it were true, there would not be so many abandoned farms in the older states. If it is going to be true in the immediate future, there will be a rush to these abandoned farms amounting to a boom. We hope it will be so, certainly.

If it is a fact that 95 per cent of the farmers of Iowa are making money, they are exceptional. The reason that they are thriving is not found in the fact that they are farming at all, but in the fact that they are dairymen rather than farmers. It is the cow that has brought Iowa agriculturists out of the land of bondage. Iowa is one of the three leading dairy states of the Union. Her cheese and creamery butter are known the country over. Milk, butter and cheese are about the only products that have not fallen in price during the present depression. What dairying has done for Iowa farmers it might do for farmers in other states.

Six million sheep cry baal baa! to the United States senate against the proposition to put wool on the free list.

It would be interesting to know just how much lower wheat can go and not cease to be raised at all.